

Market Drayton Town Council

**Minutes of a Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting
held at The Starmer Meeting Room, The Parish Rooms, Church Street, Market Drayton on
Thursday 18 June 2026 at 7.30pm.**

PRESENT: Councillors: R. Adcock, R. Aldcroft, J. Blandford, A. Cartwright, P. Glover (Chairman), G. Groves, and I. Nellins.

ABSENT: Councillors: Mrs. J. Beckett, T. Beckett, R. Hughes, T. Manton, and I. Sharp.

In Attendance: 1 member of the public were present and 0 members of the public listening to the meeting via Teams.

Clerk: Sue Thomas, Town Clerk and Kate Harvey, Assistant Clerk.

The Clerk opened the meeting as the Chairman and Vice Chairman were not in attendance, she requested nominations for a Chairman at this meeting.

Councillor Groves proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded, to nominate Councillor Glover as Chairman.

As there were no more nominations:

It was **RESOLVED** that:

Councillor Glover was duly elected Chairman for this meeting.

Councillor Glover conducted the meeting.

1.FG APOLOGIES

Members **NOTED** the following apologies:

Councillor Mrs. J. Beckett-	Prior Arrangement
Councillor T. Beckett -	Prior Arrangement
Councillor R. Hughes -	Prior Arrangement
Councillor T. Manyon -	Prior Arrangement

2.FG DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

- i. There were no Pecuniary Interests declared.
- ii. There were no applications for Dispensations under s33 of the Localism Act 2011 received.

3.FG PUBLIC SESSION

A member of the public had requested a wish to speak at the meeting.

Councillor Adcock proposed, Councillor Groves seconded, and it was **RESOLVED:**

To suspend Standing Orders to allow a resident to speak at the meeting.

The Chairman welcomed the resident to the meeting.

The resident raised the following concerns regarding the town:

- Potholes in the town are being repaired, but repairs are covering the drains.
- The pothole on the corner of Stafford Street by the Crown pub has been repaired numerous times, there is something more sinister wrong with this pothole as it needs repairing again.
- All the storm drains in town are blocked.
- There is frequently broken glass in the alley way from Mannor Gardens to Frogmore Road.
- The bins are now only emptied in town with no sweeper.
- With the announcement of no social media platforms for children under the age of sixteen, the council should supply more venues/activities for them to attend.
- Mencap are short of funds; she urged members to donate any money they may have to help them.

The Chairman said all potholes and drainage are maintained by Shropshire Council, he advised the resident to log her issues on the 'Fix My Street' portal, however he is aware that Shropshire Council are currently in the town cleaning all the drains and gullies.

Town Council already pay for activities to be held at The Zone and pay for a junior and senior youth club located at The Pheonix Centre; all are well attended.

The resident thanked councillors for their time to speak and she left the meeting.

The meeting went back into Standing Orders.

4.FG MINUTES

Councillor Adcock proposed, Councillor Groves seconded, and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To approve the minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 12 February 2026.

5.FG SMALL GRANTS

- i. Members considered the updated Small Grants Protocol as set out in Appendix FG023.

After a discussion:

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Cartwright seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To approve the updated Small Grants Protocol.

- ii. Members considered the updated Small Grants Application Form as set out in Appendix FG024.

After a brief discussion:

Councillor Adcock proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To approve the updated Small Grants Application Form.

6.FG MARKET DRAYTON SPORTS ASSOCIATION

- I. Market Drayton Sports Association were unable to submit their Unaudited Financial Statements, a Profit and Loss Statement and a recent Bank Statement was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix FG024A.

Members **NOTED** Market Drayton Sports Association Profit and Loss Statement and their recent Bank Statement.

- II. Members considered the funding to Market Drayton Sports Association.

After a brief discussion:

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Groves seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree to pay Market Drayton Sports Association funding of £18,334 for the financial year 2026-27 from budget.

7.FG FINANCIAL REPORT

The Financial document was circulated to members prior to the meeting as set out in Appendix FG025.

The Chairman asked if anyone had any questions they would like to ask.

No questions were raised.

Councillor Blandford proposed, Councillor Adcock seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To agree the income and expenditure report for: 1 April 2026 – 31 May 2026.

8.FG UPDATES AND INFORMATION

Members **NOTED** the following updates:

- i. Financial Regulations Section 2.6; the monthly bank reconciliations have been signed off.
- ii. The end of year audit has been submitted to the external auditors and unaudited notices are on the noticeboard and website.

9.FG EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC PRESS

Councillor Adcock proposed, Councillor Aldcroft seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, and pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they are instructed to withdraw.

The Teams live streaming was stopped and ended.

10.FG SMALL GRANTS APPLICATIONS

Councillor Aldcroft declared a non-pecuniary interest in Market Drayton Methodist Church application; he is a member of the church and will abstain from the vote.

Members considered each small grant application received individually as set out in Appendix FG026.

Market Drayton Swimming Club

After a discussion:

Councillor Groves proposed, Councillor Nellins seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To award a Small Grant of £500 to Market Drayton Swimming Club.

Festival Drayton Centre

After a discussion:

Councillor Nellins proposed, Councillor Adcock seconded and it was **RESOLVED:**

To award a Small Grant of £500 to the Festival Drayton Centre.

Market Drayton Methodist Church Circuit

After a discussion:

Councillor Adcock proposed, Councillor Groves seconded and it was **RESOLVED** with 1 abstention:

To award a Small Grant of £500 to Market Drayton Methodist Church Circuit.

The meeting concluded at 7.55 p.m.

Signed:

Date: 03rd September '26.